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In re Application of	:	
SHIRAISHI et al	:	DECISION ON
Application No.: 10/049,808	:	
PCT No.: PCT/JP00/06838	:	PETITION
Int. Filing Date: 02 October 2000	:	
Priority Date: 05 October 1999	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.182
Attorney's Docket No.: 740670-272	:	
For: METHOD AND CIRCUIT FOR ACQUISITION	:	

This is in response to the applicant's request for correction of filing receipt filed 03 March 2005. The request has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182. The \$400 petition fee has been charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2280 as authorized in applicant's petition.

BACKGROUND

On 02 October 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/JP00/06838, which claimed priority to an earlier filed Japanese application filed 05 October 1999. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 12 April 2001. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 29 March 2001, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 05 April 2002.

On 19 February 2002, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by, inter alia, the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1); an English translation of the international application as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2); and a declaration as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4).

On 03 March 2005, applicants filed the present petition requesting correction of the filing receipt.

DISCUSSION

The transmittal letter of 19 February 2002 identified the application number as PCT/JP00/06383. A review of the declaration filed on 19 February 2002 reveals that it is directed towards the specification filed in PCT/JP00/06838 filed 02 October 2000. Applicant inclusion of the incorrect international application number on the transmittal letter caused the Office to use the wrong international application number when preparing the US application. However, since the correct international application number appeared on declaration submitted with the transmittal letter, applicant's petition is granted. The international application number on the transmittal letter filed on 19 February 2002 has been corrected to **PCT/JP00/06838**.

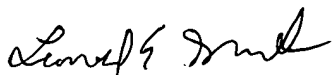
CONCLUSION

The petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to correct the application number is GRANTED.

Applicant' claim for priority is acknowledged. The application has an international filing date of 02 October 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **19 February 2002** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

International application PCT/JP00/06838 and the Japanese priority application 11-284214 have been scanned into the Image File Wrapper for this application. The papers directed to PCT/JP00/06383 have been closed. The foreign priority data and the continuity data have been corrected in the Office's data base. A corrected Notification of Acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) showing the correct PCT application number PCT/JP00/06838 and corrected filing receipt has been mailed to applicant.

This application is being returned to the Technology Center for continued processing.



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